

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Treasury
Board of Trustees of the State Employees Group Benefits Program

Plan Document—Private Duty Nursing, Organ Transplants,
Well Child Care

In accordance with the applicable provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, and pursuant to the authority granted by R.S. 42:871(C) and 874(A)(2), vesting the Board of Trustees with the sole responsibility for administration of the State Employees Group Benefits Program and granting the power to adopt and promulgate rules with respect thereto, the Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of intent to amend the Plan Document of Benefits.

The board finds that it is necessary to amend the Plan Document to provide for utilization management of benefits for private duty nursing services in order to assure that such services are available and provided when medically required, to clarify benefit limitations for transportation expenses associated with organ transplant procedures in light of recent litigation, and to extend well child care benefits until attainment of age 16 in order to promote the health and welfare of covered dependent children of employees.

The text of this proposed rule may be viewed in its entirety in the emergency rule section of this issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons may present their views, in writing, to James R. Plaisance, Executive Director, State Employees Group Benefits Program, Box 44036, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 1996.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Plan Document—Private Duty Nursing, Organ Transplants, Well Child Care

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
It is estimated that the cost of these plan document amendments will cost the state and/or local governmental units from \$73,000 to \$134,000 in the first fiscal year. This rule change is to be effective June 13, 1996.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
Revenue collections of state and/or local governmental units will not be affected.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
The economic benefit of this rule change will be to plan members of the State Employees Group Benefits Program that utilize the well-child benefit that has been expanded to include children between the ages of 6 and 16. These children have previously been excluded from the well-child benefit. The impact of the changes associated with private duty nursing, and organ transplant transportation charges should be cost neutral.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
Competition and employment should not be affected.

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